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Attention: Daniel Bennett

Dear Ms Jeremy

**Planning proposal PP-2021-3222 to amend Bellingen Local Environmental Plan 2010**

I am writing in response to Council's request for a Gateway determination under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal to make housekeeping amendments to the Bellingen LEP 2010.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, I have now determined that the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the enclosed Gateway determination.

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the planning proposal's inconsistencies with section 9.1 Directions 1.4 Oyster Aquaculture; 1.5 Rural Lands; 2.1 Environment Protection Zones; 2.2 Coastal Management; 3.1 Residential Zones; 4.1 Acid Sulfate Soils and 4.3 Flood Prone Land are justified in accordance with the terms of the Directions. No further approval is required in relation to these Directions.

Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Secretary to comply with the requirements of relevant section 9.1 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. Council should ensure this occurs prior to the plan being made.

It is noted that Council has requested to be authorised as the local plan-making authority. I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have conditioned the Gateway for Council to be authorised as the local plan-making authority.

The amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised within nine months of the date of the Gateway determination. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request for the

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to draft and finalise the LEP should be made eight weeks prior to the projected publication date.

The state government is committed to reducing the time taken to complete LEPs by tailoring the steps in the process to the complexity of the proposal, and by providing clear and publicly available justification for each plan at an early stage. In order to meet these commitments, the Minister may take action under section 3.32(2)(d) of the Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Ms Helen Willis to assist you. Ms Willis can be contacted on 5778 1489.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Gray', is positioned above the printed name and title.

28/5/2021

**Jeremy Gray**  
**Director, Northern Region**  
**Local and Regional Planning**

Encl: Gateway determination